

Texas
(Dollars in Thousands)

Texas	2012 Total*	5% Sequester	Revised Total
Estimate of Total Interior Funding	172,189	-8,491	163,698

* The 2012 Total does not include project specific funding for land acquisition, construction, and Bureau of Reclamation projects or competitive grant allocations.

Interior funding in Texas totaled about \$172 million in 2012. A five percent sequester of Interior funding at this level would mean a loss of about \$8.5 million. This estimate will be updated once the sequestration order is issued and allocations are finalized. There could be further reductions in competitive grants, land acquisition and construction projects, and wildland fire expenditures that are not included in this estimate.

- The Department of Interior has a significant presence in Texas with over 1,300 employees. Texas has 13 units of the National Park System within its borders and shares two national scenic trails with adjoining States. In addition, Texas hosts 18 national wildlife refuges and two fish hatcheries as well as one fish hatchery and fish technology center.
- Together these assets attracted over 7.9 million visitors, created over 5,800 jobs, and generated \$417 million for local economies in 2011.
- Under the sequester, Interior operations in Texas stand to lose an estimated:
 - \$1.0 million from Bureau of Indian Affairs activities affecting three Native American Tribes in the State of Texas.
 - \$4.0 million from Fish and Wildlife Service sites like *Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge*, *McFaddin National Wildlife Refuge*, and *Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge*.
 - \$2.0 million from National Park Service sites like *Big Bend National Park*, *Guadalupe Mountains National Park* and *Padre Island National Seashore*.

Within this total, major grants and direct payments to Texas would drop by about \$3.7 million.

Interior Grants and Payments	Estimate Total	Sequester	Revised Total
Abandoned Mine Land Grants	5,271	-269	5,002
Cooperative Endangered Species Cons. Fund Grants	2,761	-138	2,623
Historic Preservation Fund	1,335	-67	1,268
LWCF State Grants w/GOMESA	2,296	-115	2,181
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	4,784	-244	4,540
Sport Fish & Wildlife Restoration	43,825	-2,235	41,590
State and Wildlife Grants	2,393	-120	2,273

Mineral Revenue Payments	9,152	-467	8,685
Total, Texas	71,817	-3,655	68,162

Note: The sequester is an across-the-board reduction that reduces every account and activity (with few exemptions). The result will be reduced levels of direct services provided to the American public. Cut backs in visitor hours and programs will impact tourism and travel and have ripple effects on communities and economies that are reliant on these activities. Reductions in permanent and seasonal staffing and reductions in contracts will impact surrounding communities where employees live and where supplies and services are acquired. Reductions in grants and payments will impact the abilities of States, Tribes and counties to sustain ongoing services in emergency response, education, and others. As these impacts are defined, we will provide details.